

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kazuhisa SUDO, et al.

GAU: Unassigned

SERIAL NO: New Continuation Application

EXAMINER: Unassigned

FILED: Herewith

FOR: TONER CONTAINER AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/678,091, filed October 6, 2003, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**: Application No. Date Filed

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	2001-023597	January 31, 2001
Japan	2001-035481	February 13, 2001
Japan	2001-400638	December 28, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 10/059,187 filed January 31, 2002

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number

Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

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